

## BMA NOTICE

### BMA council elections 1988-90

The next elections for voting members of council will take place between January and May 1988. Elections in all constituencies will be conducted simultaneously and candidates may stand in one constituency only. Members elected in 1988 will hold office for two years—that is, from the beginning of the 1988-9 session until the end of the 1989-90 session. The constituencies, list of members to be elected, and timetable for the elections are set out below:

Constituencies	Members to be elected
Craft	<p>Six members engaged wholly or mainly in general practice, including those in private general practice but excluding general practice trainees.</p> <p>Four members employed wholly or mainly as senior hospital doctors.</p> <p>Seven members who are either hospital doctors in the training grades or general practice trainees.</p> <p>Two members engaged wholly or mainly in community medicine or community health.</p> <p>One member and one deputy member to represent doctors in the armed forces, being either serving officers or in receipt of "retired pay" but not retired from practice.</p> <p>Two members employed whole time in universities and/or in medical research.</p> <p>One member and one deputy member employed wholly or mainly in occupational medicine.</p> <p>One associate member.</p> <p>One member in active practice in a craft not otherwise represented by the above categories.</p>
Region or country	<p>One member living and/or working in each of the following NHS regions:</p> <p>Northern Yorkshire Trent East Anglia North West Thames North East Thames South East Thames South West Thames Wessex Oxford South Western West Midland Mersey North Western</p> <p>One member living and/or working in each of the following countries:</p> <p>Scotland Wales Northern Ireland</p>

**United Kingdom** Four members resident in the United Kingdom.

#### Timetable

Saturday 30 January 1988	Nominations to be sought in <i>BMJ</i>
Saturday 20 February 1988	Close of nominations
Monday 28 March 1988	Ballot papers to be issued
Monday 11 April 1988	Closing date for return of ballot papers
Saturday 7 May 1988	Results to be announced in <i>BMJ</i>

Nomination forms for each constituency will be available from BMA regional offices and BMA division secretaries from 30 January 1988. Forms will be differentiated by colour for craft, region, and United Kingdom constituencies.

The category in which a member may stand or vote will be determined by the BMA's central membership records at the time that labels are printed for the issue of ballot papers. *Any member who considers that he or she may be included in the wrong category should check with the BMA's membership records department.*

#### Category 2 fees

The Department of Health and Social Security is reviewing category 2 fees, which are charged in respect of services provided by health authorities. A report published in September 1987 recommended that the mechanisms used by health authorities to identify the category 2 status of services should apply to general practitioners as well as to hospital doctors. The General Medical Services Committee is concerned that general practitioners may be confused about category 2 fees and fees for private work. Patients who receive private treatment from general practitioners are entitled to receive diagnostic and treatment services from health authorities under the NHS, and there is no need for this work to be separately identified unless the patient wishes to have the test done privately.

Category 2 items are listed in the terms and conditions of service of hospital medical and dental staff and include the following:

Examinations and reports on prospective emigrants including x ray examinations and blood tests.

Examinations and reports required by a patient or interested third party to serve the interests of the person, his employer, or other third party in such contexts as insurance, superannuation, foreign travel, emigration, or sport and recreation (but not including examinations in respect of the diagnosis and treatment of injuries or accidents).

Examinations and reports required for life insurance purposes.

Examinations and reports for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board when a special examination is required or an appreciable amount of work is involved in making extracts from case notes.

Work undertaken on behalf of the Employment Medical Advisory Service in connection with research/survey work—that is, the medical examination of people at work intended primarily to increase the understanding of the causes of an occupational disease or the effects of a known cause, other than to protect the health of people immediately at risk.

Examinations and reports in connection with the routine screening of workers to protect them or the public from specific health risks whether such screening is a statutory obligation laid on the employer by specific regulation or a voluntary undertaking by the employer in pursuance of his general liability to protect the health of his workforce.

Examinations (including chest radiography) and reports on prospective students of universities or other institutions of further education.